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SUBJECT: REACTION TO MIDDLE EAST CEASE-FIRE

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1. FOLLOWING THE ONE ARTICLE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER INFLAMMATORY ARTICLES IN HUNGARIAN PRESS ON US ROLE IN ME, AND MOST PAPERS ARE NOW GIVING HEAVY COVERAGE TO US AND USSR COOPERATION IN ACHIEVING A SETTLEMENT. TURN OF EVENTS IS SEEN BOTH AS ARAB SUCCESS AND AS PROOF THAT US-USSR DETENTE IS STRONGER THAN FORCES OF WAR. MOST IMPORTANT EVIDENCE OF THIS WAS A PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG EDITORIAL ON OCTOBER 23 BY FERENC VARNAL.

2. ARTICLE PLACED A MAJOR EMPHASIS ON US-SOVIET CONSULTATION, SAYING THAT US AND USSR ACTED RESPONSIBLY IN EFFORTS  
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TO RESOLVE CRISIS AND THAT OF PRIME IMPORTANCE WAS SOVIET-

AMERICAN AGREEMENT OF JUNE 1973 WITH ITS PROVISION FOR URGENT CONSULTATIONS TO AVOID DANGERS OF NUCLEAR WAR. ARTICLE SAID THAT SOVIET-US DETENTE "STOOD FIRST GREAT TEST; THEY HELPED AVOID AN EXTREMELY GRAVE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS". CHINA WAS CHIDED FOR ITS ALLEGATION THAT UN AGREEMENT WAS EVIDENCE OF "CONSPIRACY OF SUPERPOWERS", AND CHINA WAS DESCRIBED AS HAVING "DEEPENED EVEN MORE THE GULF AROUND HERSELF".

3. VARNAI ALSO INTERESTINGLY CLAIMED THAT WHILE FULLY SUPPORTING ARABS SOVIETS DID "GREAT DEAL TO CONVINCE ITS ARAB ALLIES THAT THEY SHOULD NOT YIELD TO PRESSURE OF IRRESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS ENCOURAGING THEM TO ENGAGE IN ADVENTUROUS POLICIES". MOSCOW REPORTED TO HAVE URGED ARABS TO "ADOPT REALISTIC STANDPOINT FREE FROM EXTREME NATIONALISM AND RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS FANATICISM", AND ONE WHICH RECOGNIZED "LEGAL EXISTENCE AND SECURITY OF STATES IN AREA."

4. HE ALSO PICTURES OUTCOME AS HAVING "SLACKENED"US-ISRAELI RELATIONS, WITH US TRYING TO POSTPONE THIS "UNAVOIDABLE" RESULT BY SUPPLY OF ARMS. SAYS US HAS REACHED CROSSROADS IN ISRAELI POLICY AT TIME OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIFFICULTY AND THAT IF WE CONTINUE PRESENT POLICY OF MILITARY AID WE WILL ISOLATE OURSELVES FROM ARAB WORLD, "PERHAPS IRRETRIEVABLY," AND PRODUCE GRAVE EFFECT ON OUR OIL INTERESTS AND IN RELATIONS WITH OUR WESTERN ALLIES.

5. ON ARAB SUCCESSES, ARTICLE TAKES POSITION CONFLICT PROVED THAT QUALITATIVE CHANGE HAD TAKEN PLACE IN MILITARY POWER RELATIONS AND THAT ISRAEL CANNOT EVADE A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN WHICH ISRAEL WOULD WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM THE AREAS ACQUIRED BY AGGRESSION.  
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